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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 25 is objected to because of the following informalities:

The claim recites the limitation "said effective spring constant ..." There is insufficient antecedent basis for this recitation. It is suggested that this be changed to "the effective spring constant of ..." in order to render the claim clearer. See claim 18 for example.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 6-24, 26-41, 43 and 44 allowed.

See the objection with respect to claim 25 above.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to independent claim 1, see Applicant's Remarks, filed February 12, 2007, with respect to the electrode configuration.

As to independent claims 10 and 38, see Paper 20060726 for reasons for allowance over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

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Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick J. Connolly whose telephone number is 571.272.2412. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on 571.272.2800 ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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